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3. THE ARTICLES DESCRIBED THE FORMATION OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY PRINCE SALMAN AND COMPOSED OF RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS, WHICH IS IN CHARGE OF COORDINATING AN APPEAL FOR REFUGEE RELIEF. THE PUBLIC WAS REMINDED OF A RELIGIOUS RULING (FATWA) ISSUED BY SHAYKH ABD 'AL-AZIZ BIN ABDALLAH BIN BAZ, PRESIDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCHOLARLY RESEARCH, FATWA, AND RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE, PERMITTING THE PAYMENT OF ZAKAT (AN ALMS TAX ON WEALTH) TO AFGHAN REFUGEES AND FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

4. COMMENT: THE TIMING OF CHATTI'S CHECK PRESENTATION AND THE ACCOMPANYING PUBLICITY ARE CALCULATED TO ENSURE THAT THE PLIGHT OF AFGHAN REFUGEES REMAINS IN THE PUBLIC EYE DURING RAMADAN - A MONTH MARKED BY PRIVATE CHARITY.
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